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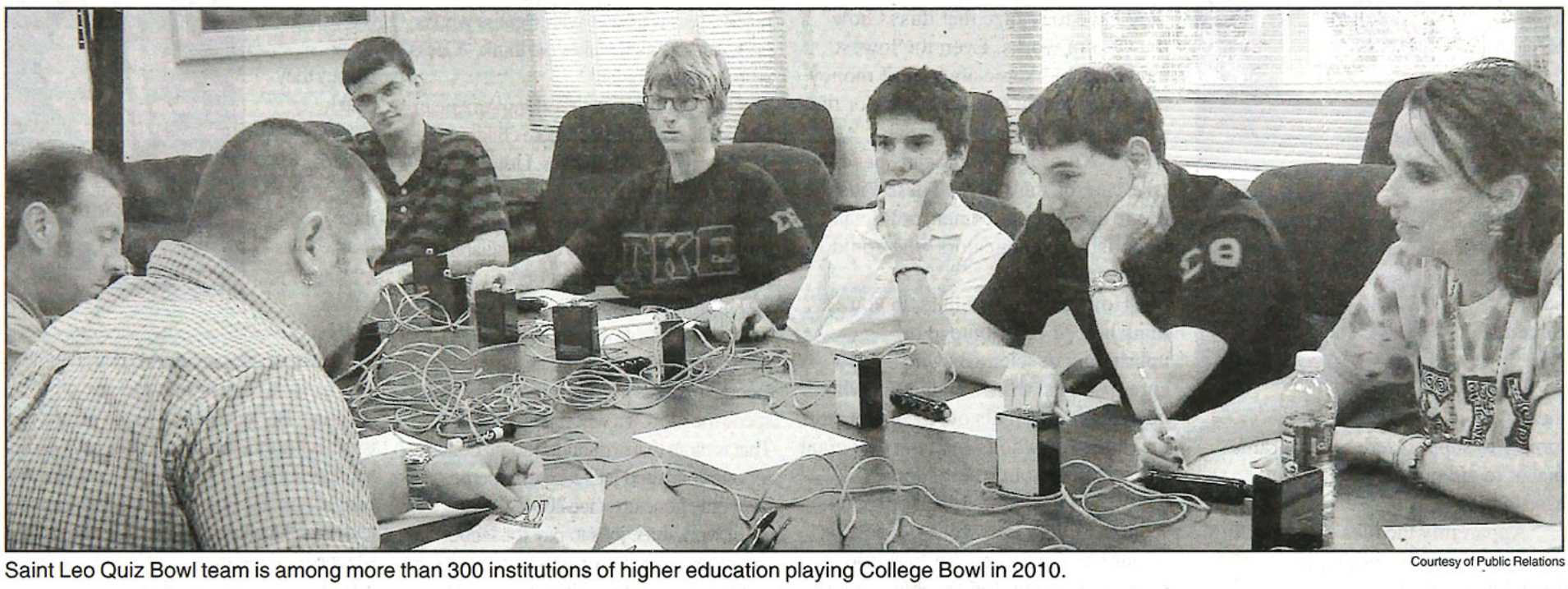

Saint Leo Quiz Bowl team is among more than 300 institutions of higher education playing College Bowl in 2010.

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Saint Leo Quiz Bowl teams puts up a fight

BY DANA JENNINGS
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The Saint Leo University Quiz Bowl team held their own against much larger universities.

They went to North Georgia College & State University to compete in a tournament with 13 other college teams including Clemson University, Florida State University, and the University of South Carolina. Led by their coach, Saint Leo University Psychology Chair Kevin Kieffer, the team was a respectable 6-7.

The Quiz Bowl format is team jeopardy on pure adrenaline, with questions coming fast and difficult.

"It's about memory, very fast paced," said Kieffer.

The games are timed and sometimes come down to the very last question to determine a winner. The two four-person teams face off in a buzzer beater question to try and win a chance at answering a bonus question that the entire team can confer about their answer.

"The bonuses are where most of the points are made," Kieffer said.

The team members are seniors James Samolowicz and Colleen Shanahan, junior Jonathan Till, sophomore Richard "Mike" Berry, and freshman Kevin Sullivan. New recruits are junior Britton Boney and freshman Michael Gincel. Any interested students should contact Kieffer at his email or talk with some of the players about their experiences playing on the team.

The Saint Leo University team has its roots with Kieffer, as he is the founding member and this is the ninth year of its existence. Kieffer highly recommends the Honors Program for prospective players.

"I've really come to enjoy the experience, even though I never played myself," said Kieffer.

The captain of this year's team is James Samolowicz, and next year's captain will be Jonathan Till. The team plays local tournaments on a regular basis and usually has one or two trips to bigger tournaments like the most recent one in northern Georgia.

Helping yourself to money

BY LEAH HOLLINGSWORTH
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As tuition rises, money management becomes more important.

"It's all about making choices," Student Financial Services employee Andrew Strazi said. In order to keep on top of tuition, spending must be cut, saving increased, and budgets and journals constructed.

College students spend more than $200 per month on purchases of choice as reported by Harris Interactive. This sum, or a portion of it, could be saved every month, totaling up to $2400 per year.

If considering items of need, find ways to save.

When it comes to phones, "shop around for the best plan," Accounting Professor Emil Koren said. Talking to loved ones, especially for out-of-state or out-of-country students, makes a mobile plan necessary, but be wary of companies that entice buyers with extra features they do not need.

Food is another necessary expense, but there are simple strategies to spend less.

"Get pizza right here in the cafeteria," Koren said. It is in the best interest of students with meal plans, to use the plan. Not only is money spent on the plan lost, but a student has to spend additional out of pocket money to eat outside of the cafeteria. It is a double whammy.

Keeping track of spending is imperative for saving money.

"The best way to keep track of your spending is to keep a spending diary," Koren said. Writing down what is spent helps students realize how much they are spending and what the money is going towards. Because writing down every splurge, every time can be difficult, both Koren and Strazi said that keeping track for a shorter amount of time is acceptable. One week of journaling is enough to make an impression on students.

"You'll be surprised at how much you spend," Strazi said.

Spending diaries can then help students implement a budget because it will become clear how much is needed for categories such as clothes, food, and supplies. Budgets limit what is spent on each category;. however, the limit can be adjusted as needed.

"If you need to pay tuition... prioritize your expenses," Strazi said. For budgeting purposes, this requires allocating more money to expenses that are more important, such as books and car payments, and less to expenses such as entertainment.

"Saving and budgeting is very important," Strazi said. Putting money into the bank can help make future costs seem less daunting.

"Start the habit of saving," Koren said. Saving now is good practice for the future, when money must be accumulated for payments like those needed to buy a house. However, there is no standard dollar

amount students ought to save. Students should "save on a percentage amount," Strazi said. By saving a percentage of income, an affordable amount will always be saved.

Although increasing savings and using budgets and journals are crucial strategies, being wary of spending is the key to having money for tuition.

"Don't live beyond your means," Strazi said.

Opinions

She said what???

I thought the babies were supposed to do the whining

BY KATIE GAISER
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An uprising of unwed pregnancies throughout America has caused many taxpayers grief as they have been forced to give up a portion of their money to support federal programs meant to aid mothers in need of assistance.

Apparently the idea of supporting one's species is becoming less appealing these days.

Government programs such as Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provide federal grants to states for health care, food, and nutrition education for low income women from pregnancy until the child is age 5.

I spend 32 hours a week working with Child Protective Investigations of Pasco County. On any given day, I will interview several women who receive such services and actually need them. If these women were unable to feed their children or have access to proper medical care during their pregnancies, the safety of the child would in fact be in question.

To take it even further, what if the child needed to be removed after an investigation deemed it necessary? And what if that child had no relative or family friend to be placed with?

In this case, the child would most certainly be placed in foster care. And that's exactly what we need, more children in foster care. Whose taxes do you think pay for that?

The point is, either way people are going to pay. While I can understand the unwillingness of working Americans to give up their money, they have to realize that this is how the system works. Even the lowest paycheck has some amount of money taken out for this new program or that new service. It's all the same.

Like it or not, Americans have to take care of their own. These kids are future doctors, policemen, politicians, scientists, and educators who could change the world.

How many tax dollars do you think helped contribute to the upbringing of scientists who helped cure diseases, the investigators who helped get criminals off the street, and the inventors who helped put that giant flat screen in your living room?

We do the same thing for social security. Every two weeks, a portion of our check is taken out to support those who are no longer able to work. The youth take care of the old; the healthy take care of the sick. These are some of the basic fundamental ethics every society since the caveman lives by.

Let's just say the government stopped these programs. What would happen then? Children would go unfed, and the sick and elderly would die off at alarming rates. But hey, at least you got an extra twenty bucks to blow on a few cocktails or Burger King!

There's just no doubt that this population needs attention. These days, the amount of babies born to unwed mothers under the age of 18 is startling. TV shows like MTV's *16 and Pregnant* portray just a few examples of babies having babies.

Now, I'm not supporting youth pregnancies by any means, but these girls need assistance. It's not always about the mother and whether or not she deserves this or that.

If she was careless enough to get pregnant in a society that's practically pushing birth control down little girls' throats, who's to say she's responsible enough to ensure the good health of that unwanted child?

These programs need to exist. Next time you are bothered by the thought of keeping kids alive and healthy, reassess the value of human life, or come up with a better idea.

And that's what she said.

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Guess who is really going to pay for that new bundle of joy?

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
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Everywhere I look I see a pregnant teenager, and almost every phone call I receive seems to start with, "guess who is pregnant." Which makes me think, "Guess who is paying for it?"

Me, you, us, every working American, that is who is paying for these children.

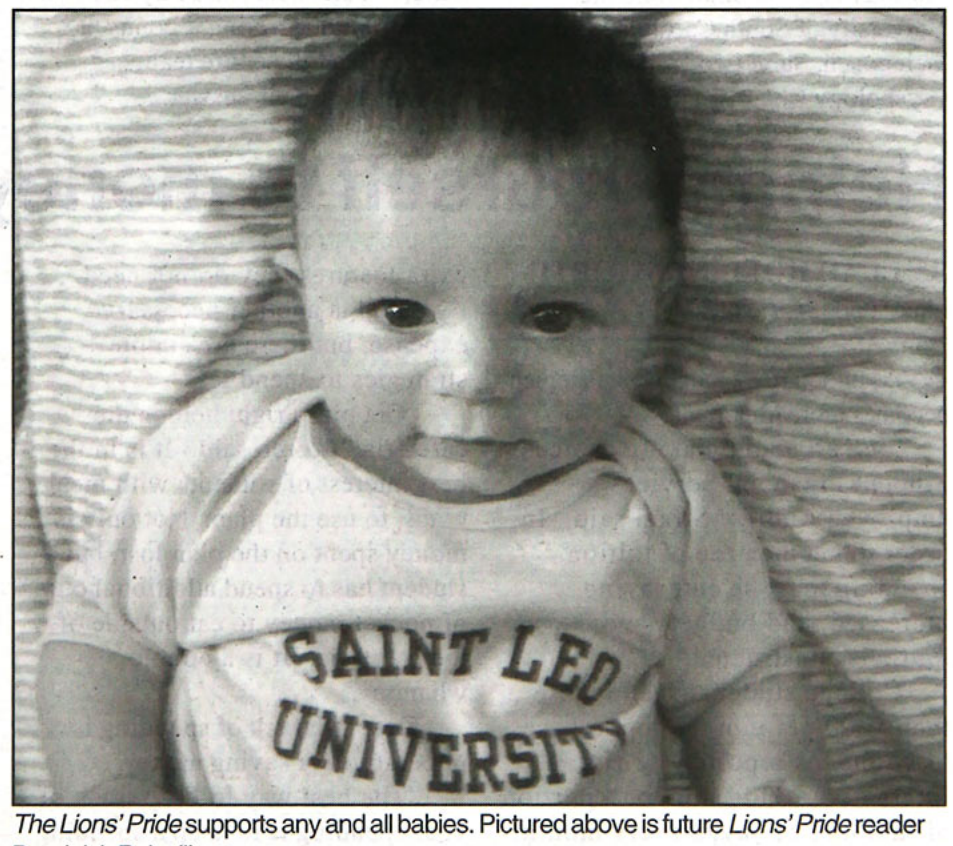
Everyone loves babies. I love babies; they're cute, cuddly, and expensive. A lot of people do not understand how much a child truly costs. According to data available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2004, families making $70,200 a year or more will spend an astounding $269,520 to raise a child from birth to age 17. Higher-income families in urban areas in the West spend the most at a whopping $284,460. That is more than a quarter million dollars for one child, and let's face it, expenses have only gone up since 2004.

I work three jobs to pay for school and other miscellaneous expenses. I do not rely on the government to give me money to live. Now, I appreciate the good that programs such as WIC (Women, Infants and Children) do, but what really aggravates me is people who take advantage of these programs. Let me provide you with a few examples.

I know a girl who is in a committed relationship. She and her baby's daddy where heading to the alter, until she got pregnant. Now, this couple does realize how much it cost to raise a child because as soon as this unwed mother found out she was pregnant the wedding bells became a distant sound. This couple realized how much more money they could receive from the government if the mother was a "single" unwed mother.

Another case involves a man I know who has sole custody of his young daughter. Because he is a single parent, he is receiving thousands of dollars back on his tax return. I am so glad the government just bought him that brand new big flat screen television he purchased with his tax return. Maybe his daughter will at least get a new pair of shoes with whatever is left of the money.

It frustrates me that so many hard working people are being abused by others who simply made bad choices. How many Americans will have to keep paying for other peoples' mistakes? Is it fair to us? No. Will it continue? Yes. If this controversy is based upon ethics, I think it is a two way street. I will help anyone who truly needs it, but I can't stand it when people just exploit the system. And that's what I have to say.



The Lions' Pride supports any and all babies. Pictured above is future *Lions' Pride* reader Dominick Polselli.

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Important Toyota recall

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It was September 30, 2009, and the car pedal was stuck to the floor mat causing the Lexus to accelerate and remain at a speed of 120 mph before crashing at the end of the freeway. A 911 call made by an off-duty state trooper frantically asking for help recorded his last few minutes before his fatal car crash, which killed him and three members of his family. This fatality spurred the 3.8 million Toyota and Lexus recall.

Thus, important recall information affects those Saint Leo students and faculty who are owners of Toyota vehicles.

"I drive an '05 Corolla and my brother drives an '09 Corolla," Junior Matt Attal said. Although Attal's car was not under the recall list, his brother's car was. After calling the dealership, however, Attal said the dealership told them they didn't need to bring the car in because his part was made in Japan.

"Overall," Attal said, "The Toyota dealership didn't seem that concerned with the recall, when it is a big issue."

After hearing Toyota's announcement of not being able to fix the problem, Saint Leo Junior Travis Vanburen said, "They better find a solution fast because people are running into things and getting hurt."

Specifically, according to Toyota, the latest two recalls are the sticking accelerator pedal and the floor mat entrapment. The pedal recall is due to faulty mechanisms that may mechanically stick in partially depressed position or return slowly to the idle position. The matt recall is due to unsecured, ill fitting floor pads that may interfere and impede with the accelerator pedal, causing it to become stuck.

It is important to know what to do in an emergency situation due to a faulty Toyota part. If the gas pedal is sticking, make sure to put the car in neutral as soon as possible.

On February 8, Toyota told consumers that they are taking three steps to fix these problems. First, Toyota is sending letters to owners involved in the recall to schedule an appointment at their local dealer. Second, dealerships have extended their hours to help fix the cars, some extending their hours to 24/7. Last, they have trained technicians who are currently making repairs.

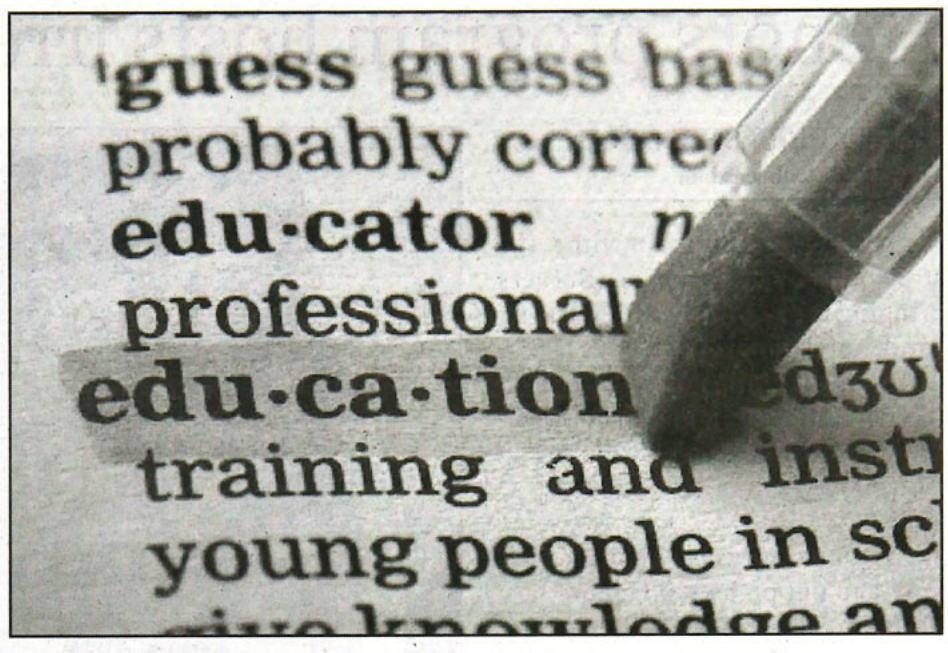
From Toyata.com here is a list of the current models that are being recalled for some adjustment.

2005-2010 Avalon
2007-2010 Camry
2009-2010 Corolla
2008-2010 Highlander
2009-2010 Matrix
2004-2009 Prius
2010 Prius
2009-2010 RAV4
2008-2010 Sequoia
2005-2010 Tacoma
2007-2010 Tundra
2009-2010 Venza

Toyota makes it clear to consumers that they are ashamed of the loss of trust due to the recall, and have put out commercials where they have given many Americans a little hope for their faulty Toyotas.

On February 5, Toyota released this statement, "Ensuring your safety is our highest priority. We will continue to update you with accurate and timely information about the status of the recall in the days and weeks ahead."

For further information and help call Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1-800-331-4331.



Obama prioritizes college education

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
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Good news for current and former students. President Obama promises to make school a lot more affordable for students currently enrolled in college and for recent graduates paying back student loans.

College costs have grown nearly 40 percent over the last five years, and 60 percent of all college graduates will leave college with debt. The average student will be around $19,000 dollars in debt. Obama is calling on America to reclaim its place as the world's leader in producing college graduates. The economic slump is creating more people defaulting on student loans and rising rates to accompany them. Students as well as private and public schools are suffering.

During Obama's State of the Union address he advertised education as one of his top priorities. Obama's recent budget request for 2011 will propose a $10,000 tax credit for families paying for four years of college, and more money for Pell Grants that help low-income students afford college. Obama is also requesting an expansion of an income-based student-loan repayment program.

"Let's tell another 1 million students that when they graduate, they will be required to pay only 10 percent of their income on student loans, and all of their debt will be forgiven after 20 years — and forgiven after 10 years if they choose a career in public service," said Obama during the speech.

Obama's new program will put a cap on the monthly minimum payment a person must pay every month.

The amount of money a student can receive from the Pell Grant will rise as well. This increase will help make higher education affordable for many more students than previously. Over the next few years, the maximum amount available through the Pell Grant will reach $5,400.

The overall budget for discretionary education funds, compared to last year, will increase $3 billion dollars, six percent more than last year. This includes education programs for things other than the Pell Grant.

With 92 percent of Saint Leo students receiving financial aid, Obama's new initiative will help both past, present, and future Saint Leo students immensely.

Lincoln comes to Florida

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The evening of February 9, 2010 produced an event unparalleled in Saint Leo history – a political rally for President Abraham Lincoln.

The Saint Leo University Distinguished Speaker Series brought actor Jim Getty, widely known for his impressive portrayal of America's 16th President, to the Greenfielder – Denlinger Boardrooms. Members of the surrounding community, paired with a substantive student turnout, made the event a success.

Students escorted Mr. Getty, along with staff members from the political science and history departments to the cafeteria for dinner, where Getty met some bewildered looks and held some interesting discussions. Getty stepped out of character, describing his personal life, having moved to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to open a theatre presenting a one-man show on the life of President Lincoln.

Getty, a native of central Illinois, received his M.A. in Music from Illinois Wesleyan University, was a teacher of high school music, and the Director of Choral Activities at the University of Maine.

Creating an atmosphere to mimic 1864, Dr. Hudson Reynolds, professor of political science and director of the Saint Leo University Honors Program, led a student rally across campus, carrying rally signs, torches, and cowbells, through the sidewalks by the apartments and into the SCC Boardrooms, where they were met by a full room of patiently waiting listeners.

Getty spoke on the early life of President Lincoln, from his humble beginnings in a log cabin to the run for Illinois State Legislature. Staying in character, Getty re-created Lincoln, speaking to the issues facing his bid for re-election in the 1864 primary, including the War Between the States. The personal life of Lincoln came through in-between political topics, showing the humanity of the President, making the decisions to keep the country at war and to sign the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Distinguished Speakers Series not only presented the community with a fun, interesting night with Abraham Lincoln, but potentially produced the first pro-Lincoln rally ever to be held in the state of Florida.

Honors program hosts irresistable chocolate tasting

BY COLLEEN SHANAHAN
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A chocolate fountain with strawberries and bananas. Servers bringing out chocolate filled trays for the picking. Goodie bags. Coffee. Cupcakes. Music. Sound like an amazing dream? This was real life at the Honors Program Chocolate Tasting on Saturday February 13.

The event was by invitation only and put on by the Honors Program. Presenters Brittany Rathbone and Grant Posner guided the attendees through the history of chocolate at the beginning of the night.

First Sample: Dark Chocolate- a bitter, yet sweet chocolate.

Tasters learned that the darker the chocolate, the louder the snap is when anyone breaks it. Chocolate has regional differences (hemisphere to hemisphere, country to country) due to what is grown around it. For example, did you know that in Ecuador, the chocolate has floral and fruit notes in the taste, and in the Dominican Republic, the chocolate has tobacco notes to it because of all the tobacco grown around it?

Second Sample: Pomegranate Seeds in Chocolate- a fruity, sweet, and tangy experience.

The cacao tree is grown 20 degrees north and south of the equator. It is a very touchy plant to grow, and it is susceptible to a lot of pests and disease. One tree is able to produce around 1,000 beans a year, or one to two pounds of chocolate. Ninety percent of the farms are small, less than 120 acres each.

Photography courtesy of Colleen Shanahan.
Guests enjoyed the decedent fountain of chocolate.

Third Sample: Peppermint Truffle- a minty, sweet, milk chocolaty experience.

Chocolate was thought to be discovered by monkeys. The sweet, refreshing pulp of the tree was searched for in the humid countries. The monkeys spit out the bitter beans, and more trees began to grow. Men saw the monkeys doing this ritual, and they figured it was worth a try.

Fourth Sample: White Chocolate dipped pretzels- sweet and salty.

Did you know that cacao beans were used as currency? And, at one point, just like counterfeit coins, there were counterfeit beans? Old beans would be split, refilled, and placed back into circulation. Bitter chocolate drinks we wouldn't consider edible were concocted, and they were considered the elixir of life.

Fifth Sample: Seconds!

Did you know facts:

Chocolate was rationed to soldiers in WWII in 4oz bottles.

Casanova used chocolate as a bribe for chaperones of his favorite lady loves.

Chocolate is a natural anti-depressent.

Chocolate is full of anti-oxidents.

Chocolate isn't linked to acne, but the milk in milk chocolate is.

Lastly, chocolate raises a heart rate and brain activity more intensely than passionate kissing and lasts four times as long.

The night was filled with chocolaty goodness of all sorts, and so was my stomach.

photographer: Lizette Martinez
Plummer enjoys the little things in life; something as simple as vacuuming will make this devoted woman a happy janitor.

Everyday Lives: An Occassional Series

Who keeps Canon Memorial Library so fresh and clean?

BY LIZETTE MARTINEZ
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

The students of Saint Leo University can always look forward to a clean library thanks to the women with a dark complexion, and black and gray curly hair. She styles a green apron, Khaki pants, white sneakers, and a Saint Leo nametag. Her name is Annester Plummer.

Plummer is the Canon Memorial Library's savior. She works for Saint Leo as a janitor/housekeeper. Her job consists of vacuuming the carpets, cleaning the bathrooms, and collecting the garbage. While student helpers usually assist her, she cleans all three floors of the library and takes her job quite seriously.

Although she may take time out of her job to share a few nice words, she does not waste time doing others things. Plummer is always on the go and does what she can to make sure the library stays fresh and clean for Saint Leo students.

Plummer spends most of her time working hard at the library. Although she works hard, the people of Saint Leo should not be concerned. It turns out Plummer loves her job.

"I like cooking, cleaning, and raising my grand babies," she said with a southern accent.

People are told to pursue their passion and turn it into a career—at least the students know Plummer is having fun while cleaning.

As stated earlier, Plummer also enjoys taking care of her grand children. While she did not report having many hobbies, her main concern was her family.

"I have four kids, 13 grand babies, and ten great grand babies. I clean and then I go home and help take care of them all," she said with a big smile on her face.

Plummer is in the library every day keeping it neat and homey for Saint Leo students. Although she is usually busy, judging from her affectionate and open personality, she probably would not mind a friendly "hello" from students. She might even make the students laugh. A few nice words with a gracious student might brighten her day, if helping the students and the school has not already done enough.

Spring break around the world: It's not all flowers and sunshine?

BY JORDAN COATES
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Whether it is a time for relaxation, fun in the sun, or a trip home to see the family, spring break is right around the corner.

Spring break is a long celebrated and desired vacation from school and work. Originally, at the end of World War II, Fort Lauderdale, Florida was the top spot for a spring break destination in the United States. This was largely the cause of a man, George Warren "Bob" Gill Jr., also known as "the Father of Fort Lauderdale spring break."

Fort Lauderdale remained the notorious spring break destination until around the 1980's. Nowadays, spring break is spent in all types of weather, for all kinds of reasons, and in all different countries around the world.

While spring break gives everyone a chance to live differently for a week, it is surprising just how differently people spend their vacation time. Normal college spring break trips are most often associated with drinking. Unless spring breakers are twenty-one, that might be a difficult feat in the United States. However, in most other countries around the world, being eighteen will do the job.

Not everyone chooses to spend their break partying. Many students make the choice to travel and volunteer. There are a number of programs available, for example, Saint Leo's own SERVE program. The Serve program gives students the chance to be involved in Service Learning mission trips over spring break. This and other programs give students the opportunity to venture to a foreign land or even just a few states away, have a vacation, and help others at the same time.

However fun and rewarding this may be, many people look forward to spring break for only the second part of that phrase, the break. With the hustle and bustle of work and school, sometimes the week is needed to just relax. Many spend this relaxation time at home, some college students go home to see their families, and many find a remote beach with lots of sun and sand. These are people most often found in the Islands, Florida, or Mexico.

Those are the most popular, but if travelers are seeking more adventure, Australia is known for its gorgeous beaches along the Gold Coast, as well as the sights of Sydney. Just the same, Spain is home to some of the most beautiful beaches, along with culturally rich cities.

If the sights and knowledge are a preference over the beach, the United Kingdom might be the best bet. Many spring breakers venture to England to see the attractions and experience the culture. With a Euro rail pass, the locations and opportunities are endless. Keep in mind, however, that just because its spring break does not mean the flowers are blooming and the sun is shining. During the usual time of spring break, England is cold and rainy. Going against the norm of the traditional spring break, many people look forward to the not so skin bronzing weather.

In Australia, many travel to New Zealand to visit the snowy mountain peaks. Even in the United States, many will travel up north for a chance at skiing or a breath of fresh cold air. In Norway, most take advantage of the cold weather and plan trips to the mountains.

Source: travel.traveldestinationsworld.info

"A lot of Norwegians have a cabin in the mountains, and if they don't, there are many hotels you can stay at. Slalom, snowboarding and cross-country skiing are what most people do," Said Marte Ruud Sandberg, a study abroad student from Norway.

While this is their typical way to spend vacation, this is not actually spring break. In Norway they do not have spring break. Rather, they have a break for Easter, and this is when they take their trips to the mountains. The same applies in the United Kingdom. The two weeks either following or preceding Easter are called "Easter break" or "Easter Holidays", which usually take place in April.

In Australia, however, spring break falls near the middle of second semester of Uni, which for them is the middle of September! In Japan, spring break begins at the end of the academic year in March and finishes on April first with the beginning of the next academic year. Like the United States, Southern Africa has their break in late February or early March. They come together for a long week of games, music shows, and city tourism. Similarly, Canadian universities hold break around that time, but instead of spring break, they call it Reading Week. The intentions are to provide students time to relax from the stress of their school work.

Wherever in the world students are, when spring rolls around, they put aside their books and take the break for all its worth. It might be worth a trip to the beach, a shot down a mountain, or a lazy day on the couch. No matter which side of the globe students will lay on this spring, the long awaited break is soon approaching.

Saint Leo students reminisce *Saved By The Bell* with Mr. Belding's visit

BY MINDY PIERCE & JESSICA PALL
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From the 1990s hit television show, *Saved By The Bell,* the principal Mr. Belding made his way to Saint Leo and spoke to a roomful of approximately 75 students on opportunity, failure, and everybody's favorite high school show, *Saved By The Bell.*

Dennis Haskins, who plays Mr. Belding, has spent his last seven years going to different universities and colleges spreading the message of "entertainment with a message."

For a lot of people who came to see the main character from *Saved By The Bell,* Zack Morris's disciplinarian during his high school days, the principal Mr. Belding, the night was a sweet and short trip down memory lane. *Saved By The Bell* was a hit and all time favorite show for many current college students during their elementary school days in the mid 1990s. The show impacted a lot of children growing up, as it depicted a lot of "firsts" of kids in high school.

Despite the popularity of this show, the main focus of the night was about how the man, Dennis Haskins, became the individual who got the role of Mr.Belding.

Haskings grew up in Chattanooga, TN and told the audience he was proud of where he came from. He encouraged students to also be proud of their hometown because that is where one gets their identity.

Haskins went through his life pinpointing the major events that enabled him to become an actor and achieve what he has done today.

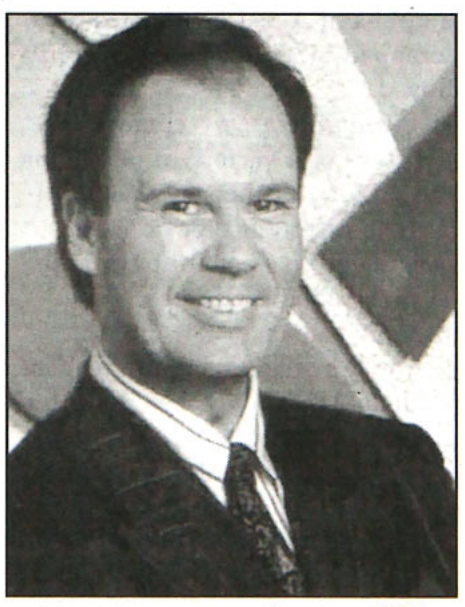
"I really thought it was interesting how Haskins compared his life as a dot to dot puzzle" Junior Grayce Ryan said "It was a great way of explaining our journey through life."

Haskins' radical idea for the evening was "Try your Dream." The audience was encouraged to find their passion and then live their life accordingly. Hating the word failure, Haskins reiterated that if one tries something and cannot achieve it, one didn't fail and should try again.

"It hasn't always been easy," Haskins said. "I have dealt with a lot of no answers in my life and have had to deal with my choices."

In the business world, Haskins clued the audience in that people aren't going to always hand over money and are generally not nice. Thus, he encouraged students to use their time in college to try new experiences and take advantage of the opportunities presented in this friendly environment.

Haskins concluded his talk with a trivia game and challenge to the audience to practice one act of kindness in the next two weeks. Further, he had his attentive listeners yell out their names on the count of three. Haskins said this exercise helped one realize how good it was to express oneself and how one should spend their life, living out their passion.



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Arts & Entertainment

New video games set to be released in March

BY EDGARD OLIVA
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It's the start of a new year and many games have come out in the last two months leaving many gamers excited and anticipating.

In the month of March, there are three games that people have been waiting for ever since their latest version of the game came out, one of those games being Gran Turismo 5.

Ever since Gran Turismo 4 was released, consumers have been wondering when the next new version of the game would come out. As a preview, Sony made a prologue to the game giving everyone an inside view to the new game. Having had a PlayStation forever and just acquiring a new PlayStation 3, this is one of the many games on my list I'm going to get.

Gran Turismo over the years has been dedicated to giving gamers a realistic gaming experience and Gran Turismo 5 will do just that.

Another game on my list for PlayStation is Final Fantasy 13.

After coming to Saint Leo, one of my friends helped my brother past one of the beginning parts in Final Fantasy 12. After seeing how terrible he was at the game, my friend pointed out he was just at the beginning of the game and that I could probably catch up in a day.

A day later, I did just that, which started my addiction to play this game. It wasn't until a couple weeks after playing the game that I learned how to control my addiction. After beating the game and spending countless hours playing, we heard there was going to be a new version of the game released this year. After playing Final Fantasy 12, so much I couldn't wait for the 13th one to come out. Final Fantasy has been famous for making countless good games and has passed the double digit mark in the series. With every version of new gaming system, Final Fantasy has always put something new out there for gamers to enjoy.

Now onto a different gaming system, the Nintendo DS and DSi.

Ever since we were a little kid there were things that everyone knew about and enjoyed playing or watching on TV. This March one of the most famous games for Nintendo is coming out: Pokémon HeartGold and SoulSilver.

After releasing the original versions Gold and Silver, Pokémon has been going back and remake their games, making them better and better each time. Every new game Pokémon comes out with is better than its older version.

Pokémon silver, being one of my favorite versions, but not the most because who could forget Yellow version and its unique storyline compared to all the other games. As for Pokémon Heart Gold and Soul Silver, yes I'm in college and am 19, but that doesn't mean anyone my age isn't thinking about going out to go buy this game. Some may have already preordered it. After spending way too much money on Pokémon over the years, it would be silly for anyone who likes to play Pokémon no matter what the age to not go out and buy it.

Source: www.digitaltrends.com

These games are set to be released in March, so be on the lookout for the months exciting releases.

Valentine's Day Served as a Perfect valentine's Date Movie

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The *Valentine's Day* movie is a circus of A-list celebrities wrapped in a chocolate covered bow.

Valentine's Day centers on the lives of a variety of people on the holiday of the same name. It depicts different types of love ranging from a school boy crush to high school sweethearts to lifelong romance. The movie featured a string of familiar faces such as Ashton Kutcher, Jennifer Garner, Julia Roberts, Kathy Bates, Shirley MacLaine Anne Hathaway, Queen Latifah, Patrick Dempsey, and many more. The characters were each involved in different romance scenarios with their stories intertwined.

Movies starring many popular celebrities run the risk of being problematic with each celebrity vying for attention or trying too hard to out-act the others. However, *Valentine's Day* was refreshingly balanced and without attention thieves. Since so many celebrities were packed into one film, no celebrity gets a large chunk of screen time. Instead, the movie alternates telling different stories, which makes for an entertaining plot, but at the same time may not give the watcher adequate time to truly feel for the characters.

Source: cdn.sheknows.com
Kutcher presents flowers to his on screen best friend Garner

The celebrity who makes it on screen the most is Ashton Kutcher, who recently made a big-screen comeback in the movie *Spread*. In *Valentine's Day*, Kutcher plays a sweet, kind-hearted florist named Reed who proposes to his girlfriend Morley (played by Jessica Alba) on Valentine's Day morning in hopes that she will become his wife. Kutcher's best friend Julia (played by Jennifer Garner) has love troubles of her own after falling for Dr. Harrison Copeland played by *Grey's Anatomy's* "McDreamy" Patrick Dempsey.

The variety of characters throughout the movie assists the film in appealing to a wide range of people with the movie's hopeless romantics, cynical Valentine's Day haters, teen couples, an elderly couple, puppy love, and many other displays of affection. *Valentine's Day* holds all of the components of a great romantic comedy; it is cute, comical and has a few sly tricks up its sleeve.

Rob Zombie's new album proves to be best yet

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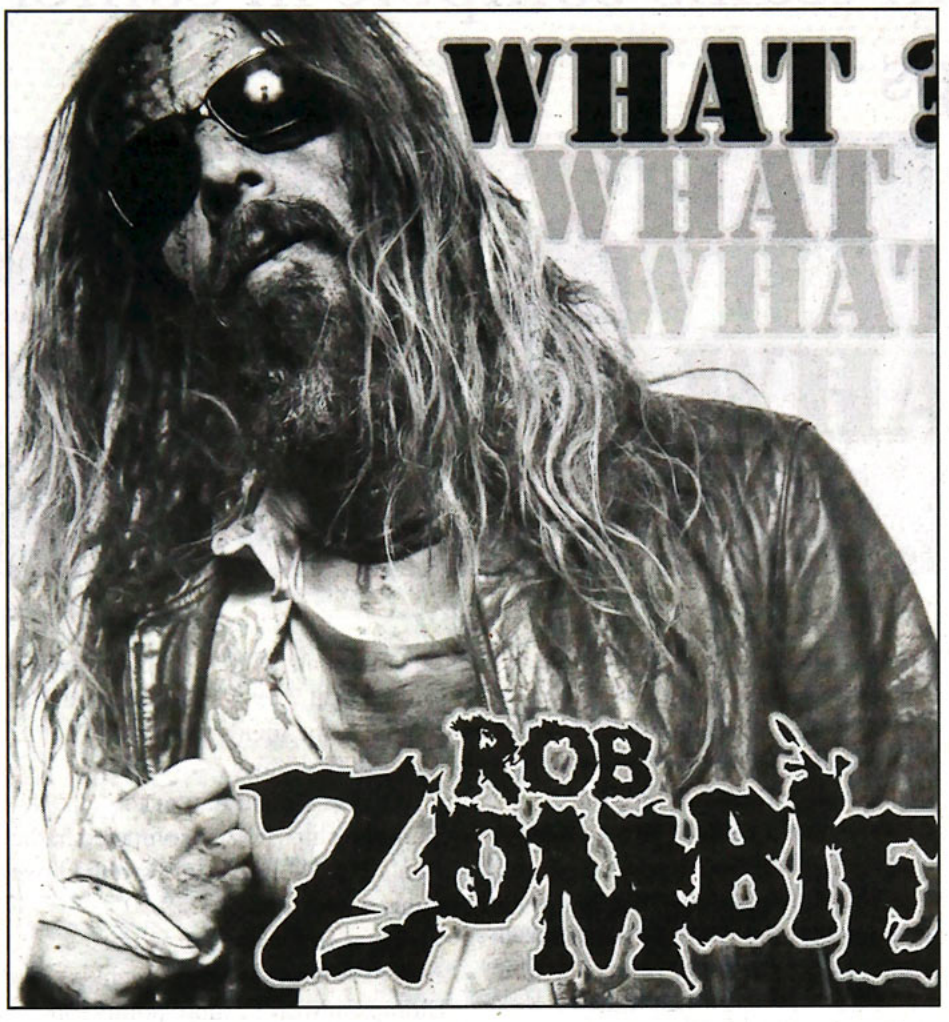
On February 2, Rob Zombie released his first album since 2006's *Educated Horses, Hellbilly Deluxe 2*. Intended as a sequel to 1998's *Hellbilly Deluxe*, Rob Zombie's newest album comes with much anticipation. For the first time, Zombie's album featured his full touring band; usually Zombie relies on friends and session musicians to finish an album.

This album features long time Zombie tour drummer Tommy Clufetos, bassist Piggy D., and star guitarist John 5. Zombie claims that this will be his last CD.

"Well, pretty soon the CD will be dead. All you will have left is digital downloads. So before we say goodbye to the almighty CD, I thought I would give it a big send-off." Zombie said.

The album features many obscure B-movie cuts intertwined with the classic Zombie metal and an underlying feeling of industrial rock. The album opens with its strongest track, *Jesus Frankenstein*. This rally cry features a chilling guitar intro by John 5, followed by inspiring vocals by Zombie, who demands his audience to follow his horror film subtext.

The album then has its two singles, *Sick Bubblegum and What?*. *Sick Bubblegum*'s lyrics make absolutely no sense, but they induce chronic head banging. *What?* starts with an obscure B-movie clip, followed by industrial rock vocals from Zombie and a simple but fantastic riff by John 5, whose contributions to this album are fantastically insane.



Zombie's album cover.

An acoustic guitar intro leads the album into the Marilyn Manson-like *Mars Needs Women*, whose repetitive chorus forces the listener to eagerly await the unique guitar parts from John 5 amongst the various sound bites from B-movies. An eerie guitar/bass trade off takes Zombie into one of his creepiest songs, *Werewolf, Baby!* whose whispering vocals crawl into a full fledged yell by the master of horror.

On the album's next track, *Virgin Witch*, a mysterious synthesizer part creeps its way into one of John 5's greatest solos, taking the album in a new direction. Zombie goes into an industrial rock vocal style over a fantastic drum arrangement by Tommy Clufetos on *Death and Destiny Inside the Dream Factory*.

Zombie tones it down to a whisper on *Burn,* which features Zombie making weird sounds with his mouth as a chorus and a guitar solo with a 1980's feel by John 5. On *Cease To Exist,* Zombie does a vocal trade off with a computerized version of his voice over a subtle acoustic guitar, with synthesizer leading the song into a ridiculous drum solo.

Next, Zombie goes into *Werewolf Women of the SS*, which was also the name of a fake trailer he made for Robert Rodriguez's and Quentin Tarantino's double feature *Grindhouse*. This is the most notable song on the album, but also its weirdest. Finally, the album goes into *The Man Who Laughs*, a ten minute epic featuring a string arrangement by Tyler Bates that leads into a precise energy filed solo by John 5.

Overall, Hellbilly Deluxe 2 is Zombie's greatest album, but it lacks the hit single to get it continuous airplay. However, this masterpiece will more than satisfy the fanatical Zombie fan and any other fans of heavy metal. John 5 provides the backbone to Rob Zombie's obscure vocal style, making this a very unique album.

Saint Leo hosts Food Fest of Pasco 2010

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On Saturday, February 13 attendants were lured to the Food Fest of Pasco next to Saint Leo University's Marion Bowman Center with sounds of music.

Performer Ashley Shannon, Florida's Female Country Artist of the Year, wowed the crowd throughout the day. Shannon had also performed locally last month at Dade City's Kumquat Festival.

The Food Fest exhibited more than sixteen businesses, many of which offered food for free or for a small fee. Among restaurants attending were local businesses City's Edge and Beef O' Brady's.

City's Edge offered chicken marsala. "It is a piece of heaven," senior Brittany Castro said.

The chicken was served with rice and topped with a thin sauce.

"All the flavors came together and made every bite worth being in the windy weather," Castro said.

Brought to us by the women's basketball team, the celebration of Pasco's culture also raised awareness for the Kay Yow/ WBCA Cancer Fund. The WBCA, or Women's Basketball Coaches Association, has been dedicated to fighting cancer since the establishment of their Cancer Fund in 2007. Multiple cancer awareness booths were set up at Pasco's Food Fest; one of which was for the Pink Zone, another WBCA program, in order to raise breast cancer awareness.

Freshman basketball players Melissa Schmidt and De'Erika Brown were enthusiastic about the fest's turnout.

"It was quite successful," Brown said.

The Food Fest of Pasco will return in the year following.

"We're hoping next year it grows," Schmidt said.

For more information on the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund go to: http://www.wbca.org/kayyowwbcacancerfund.asp For more information on the Pink Zone go to: http://www.wbca.org/pinkzone.asp For more information on Ashley Shannon go to: http://www.ashleyshannon.com/fr_index.cfm

Sports

Saint Leo swim teams compete in conference championships

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From February 17 to February 20, the Saint Leo Lions Men and Women swim teams traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina to take part in the Bluegrass Mountain Conference Championships. The event was hosted by Wingate University at the Mecklenburg Aquatic Club.

The Lions competed against teams from Wingate University, Johns Hopkins University, Rollins College, Limestone College, The University of Tampa, Washington and Lee University, Fairmont State University, Catawba College, Florida Southern College, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Pfeiffer University, and Transylvania University.

On the first day of the event Erin Hotchkiss scored six points for the women's team by placing 11th in the 1000 YD Freestyle with a time of 10:52.11, crushing her previous record. Freshman Sarah Earls also competed in the event, finishing with a time of 11:40.75.

In the second event of the day, the

Courtesy of Mike Carlson

Tim Olson

Courtesy of Mike Carlson

Seniors Gramm, Hotchkiss, Kiessling, and Lucas

women's relay team comprised of Hotchkiss, Allison Cary, Alicia Thompson, and Alisha Adams scored 12 points by placing 11th with a time of 8:10.03. After the first day, the women's team was in 10th place with a total of 18 points.

The men's team started just as strong with Matt Attal grabbing seven points with a 10th place finish in a time of 9:58.35. Alex Parada finished 18th with a time of 10:32.75.

In the men's relay later in the day the men's team of Tim Olson, Attal, Thomas Rey, and Derek Maddigan took 10 points with a 12th place finish coming in at 7:19.44. With a total of 17 points, the men's team stood 11th after the first day.

On the second day of the championships, Olson competed in the Men's 200 IM Finals and grabbed two points with a time of 1:58.10.

Later in the day the women's team of Adams, Pierce, Hotchkiss, and Thompson won 12 more points for their team by placing 11th in a time of 4:09.58. On the men's side, VanBuren, Maddigan, Attal, and Gramm took 10 points with a 12th place finish in a time of 3:43.20

Both the men's and women's teams swam well during the meet with the women's team of Allison Cary, Erin Lucas, Jessica Pall and Melinda Pierce setting a new Saint Leo University record in the 200 Freestyle Relay with a time of 1:43.59. They broke the previous record by .09 seconds.

The Men's team finished in 11th place for the meet with a total of 97 points while the women's team also finished in 11th place with a total of 108 points.

Softball Splits Series in Pensacola

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The Saint Leo women's softball team stepped out onto the field at the University of West Florida. The Lions entered the tournament at 2-2 at the game series on February 13-14th. Having two regional opponents, the first game was against University of West Florida while the second team was Palm Beach Atlantic.

The Lions lost against the undefeated University of West Florida (4-0), yet earned a victory against Palm Beach Atlantic (2-3).

The Lions started off the game against UWF trailing 2-0, but retaliated back with two runs of their own in the bottom of the inning, thanks to a homerun by Brittany Yates. However, the homerun was not enough of a spark as the Lions' gave up six more runs despite their effort. West Florida had an outstanding nine strikeouts to defeat the Lions by a score of 8-2.

Saint Leo Lions' started off their second game with a bang as they scored two runs in the bottom half of the first inning. The runs would come from Elysha Agen and Tiffinee Harvey. Agen got on base with a single, stealing second soon after. Harvey got on base with a walk. Brittany Yates belted a ball in the direction of the third baseman, who misplayed it into the outfield, allowing Agen to score and Harvey to advance to third. Harvey would eventually score on a hit by Sarah Boyd. PBA answered with an RBI single in the second inning. The game would remain 2-1 until the seventh inning when Palm Beach Atlantic would come back with another RBI single. As the score was tied going into the bottom of the seventh, the Lions refused to enter extra innings. Jessica Figueredo hit a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice. Harvey stepped up to the plate with Figueredo in scoring position, smashing a walk off single to the right side to win the game.

The Lions will be competing in the Eckerd College Invitational on Friday, February 19th. They will face Drury before facing University of West Florida at 7:30 pm.

Senior Spotlight

Sierra Williams Courtesy of Mike Carlson

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Basketball senior Sierra Williams is player #24 guard for the Lady Lions. Majoring in Biology with a minor in management, William's career goal is to run her own physical therapy clinic. William's favorite memory with the team would be when the Lady Lions' beat Nova University in overtime during their 1st conference game after coming back from 17 points "The joy and look on everyone's face after we won and the sense of pride everyone had," Williams commented, "I'll never forget it." Coming from Palm Beach Community College, she was named 2nd team all conference during her career there, and at Leo Williams best-all-around performance occurred during (02/07/09) game against Florida Tech where Williams scored 10 points, had four assists, three rebounds, and two steals. The Lions' Pride wishes you the best of luck for the rest of your senior year!